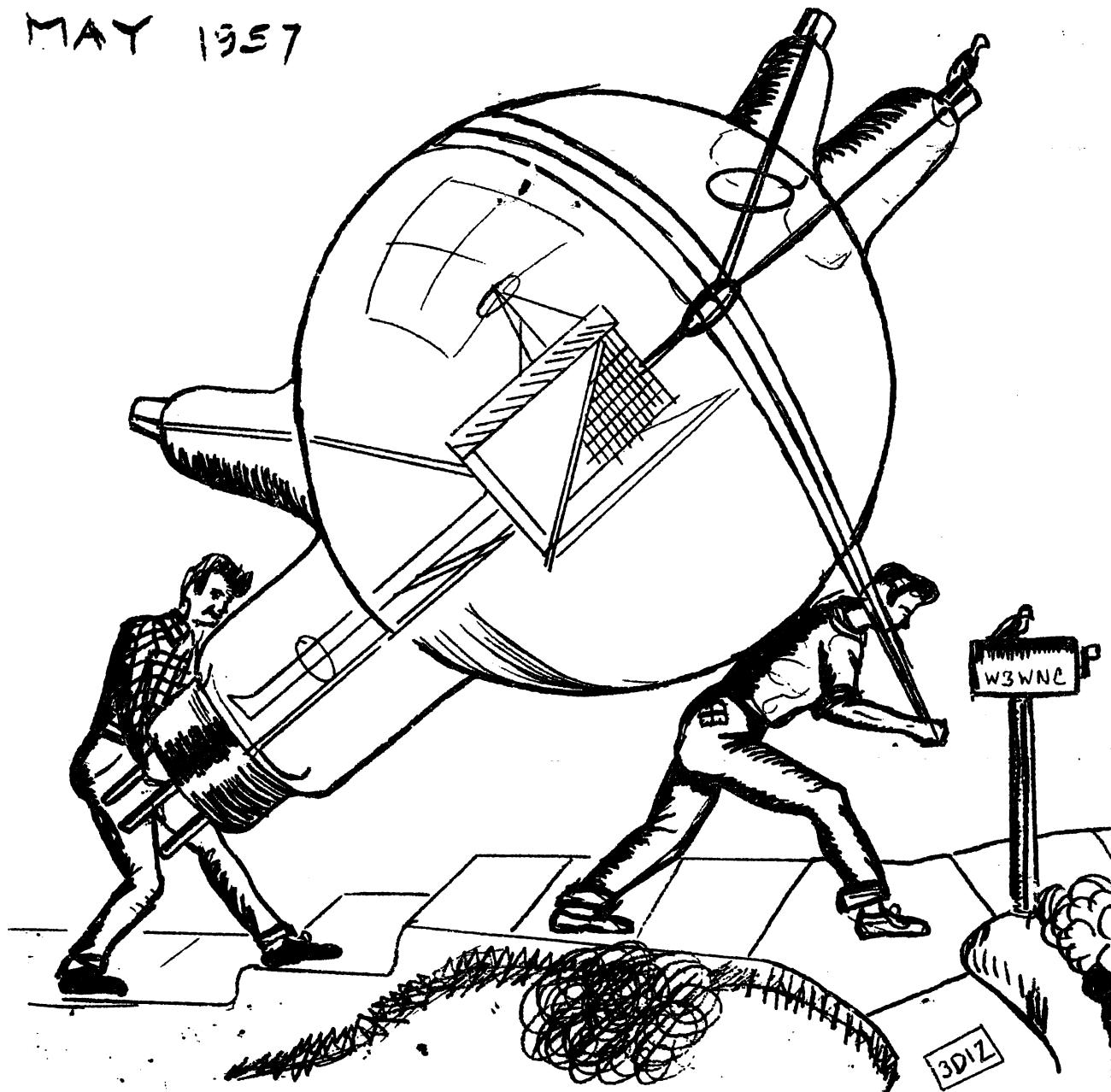


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MEETINGS

First Mon. of the month at... Town Hall
Germantown & Haines, Phila., 8:00 P.M.

NETS & NET FREQUENCIES

Ch 1 - 29493 Kc.	Ch 3 - 27000 Kc.
Ch 2 - 29626 Kc	Ch 4 - 50.7 Mc.
Scrambled-Egg Net, Weekdays,	0730-0830
Ten on Ten Net, Sundays,	1000-1100
Blarney Sessions, Anytime,	on Ch 1
29493 Kc. is monitored, daily,	0830-0001
for the benefit of mobiles in Phila area.	

From the President

FIELD DAY

There's a good time a coming for one and all, for no matter which of the many facets of ham radio may be your forte, you will find it on FIELD DAY. If you are a belly ham, there will be eats a-plenty. If you are still young enough to enjoy camping out, you can spend the night in a tent. If you like "contestsanship", you will have your fill of the twenty-four hour duel on the ham frequencies. This is an all time high point of the ham year. There is no other ham activity like it.

Your club goes to great extent to set up a good operating unit. Good antennas, good equipment and good fellowship are the order of the day. As president of your club, I have arranged to have dry weather this year over the FIELD DAY week end. This has been a great personal expense (won't say how much I put in the poor box) and you will not get your feet wet this year. The same donation is supposed to take care of propagation conditions, and you should be able to work W.A.S. on two meters with a wet noodle for an antenna.

How your club stands in the final score is up to you. On the national level we can do pretty good with all hands pulling their load. There is one thing I personally am interested in and this is to BEAT THAT YORK ROAD CLUB with its pair of 813's running at 25 watts. They will have some good men at the key of that big rig, and this local competition is going to be rough. A year's free dues to the guy who puts QVK's right hand out of commission.

You will be getting detailed information from the FIELD DAY committee. Please give them your utmost support. Come out and help set up the gear. Put in as much operating time as you can. Help clean up after the event, but most of all have FUN.

Dr. W3UVL

Our Cover this month is done by W3DIZ the 1st junior op at W3FNC's. Lee Martin Hecht is 15 years old and a high school student at Marple Newtown. Lee has a technician license and hopes to get his full ticket this summer. (ED had a tough time pulling this info out of the OM but he got it).

The Latest Scoop:

The Pub Dept. worked up some rubber stamps to handle the card and return address situation. We hope it will stimulate card returns a bit. This last month was pretty skimpy and consequently the rag this month is likewise. We notice some of the membership are pretty indignant when a bit doesn't get reported but there are no helping hands that will take it on themselves to scratch a bit on the cards and put them in the mail. ---Not to be outdone the boys who make most midmonth meetings decided on a Young Timers Nite - there were plenty of bald heads there-however we are referring to the young in heart. The usual 18 or so showed up at the Falcon House on West Chester Pike near City Line. It is a new place and very nice - we had the banquet room with enuf space to handle the Annual Banquet. The boys report they looked into it a while back for such a venture and found them 25 to 50 cents higher in the meal. The banquet room is as big as the present one but it is clear of posts. The refreshment counter where they serve malted milks is right adjacent. It could be had but the price may be limiting. The place being new is elegantly decorated et al. A lot of atmosphere. The boys were more interested in just gassing than anything else. We had a report from the membership committee and much discussion on how to keep new applicants from becoming discouraged when waiting for a spot to appear in the membership --- The Channel 1 committee had no report and is offering their findings below

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHANNEL ONE COMMITTEE

The following improper procedures are the most frequently observed by your channel 1 committee

1-Improper identification:

- (a) 3xxx from 3 yyy (the w has been left out)
- (b) "Hey Bob" (no identification at all)
- (c) W3 xray xray xray from W3 sierra sierra sierra (use of phonetics only)
- (d) W3 xxx W3 yyy (lack of "from" or "this is")
- (e) W3 yyy over to W3 xxx (own call signal first)
- (f) xxx from yyy (no w or 3)

The above are not listed in the order most used.

The proper procedure for call up and signing are found in sec 12.82 Amateur section of F.C.C. Regs.

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Channel One Committee

LAST

NOTICE

If you have changed addresses since the last roster make sure you have your new one on the card enclosed by return mail. This is the last call before closing entries for the next two years. If you are a new member do likewise for a double check.

W3LNQ is requesting that all sponsors of new members take the action very seriously and be prepared to go to bat for your man. We have had a number of applicants in the last year. Be reminded that we are a mobile club-however this is not an absolute requisite. April 1st was last regular meeting nite and many ~~fools~~ were there. The boys are still laughing about the wayward character - three sheets to the wind who wandered into the meeting picked up someone's name ticket put it in his pocket, and sat down, made himself comfortable and enjoyed the meeting - then got in line for the usual handout of coffee and doughnuts. Sez ED "there is more than one way to boost attendance". Who

ever sponsored that character is under investigation by the Hoover commission. --- W3VXN made up 5 by 7 colored photos of the Outstanding Member Plaque and passed them out to the fellows whose names appear on it. It certainly is a nice gesture Bill. We often wonder what Bill does for a living besides work on club activities. Spencer is another. The fellow head and shoulders above us all is Andy W3NL of the Washington group. It is indescribable - the activity that boy puts forth in promoting Hamdom. And we mean Hamdom in general - not necessarily the Wash. Mobile Club in particular. W3Q QH recently visited Andy and says anyone who has not seen the Basement Laboratories of recent date had better make another visit. -- to keep up. The new aquisitions of printing et al equipment would put to shame any Phila self respecting printer. ED hopes to make it down there before too long Andy. We hope you can come up and let us make up for the confusion of the last annual banquet. --- What mobile station in the "South End" is using 500% modulation and can be heard 300 Kc off Freq. First Clue next month. --- We are reminded not to forget the selection of meeting places with air conditioners when the hot weather shows. --- W3NIP reports the new Certificate receivers are:

No. 14	W3QZO	Skip
No. 15	W5RHW	First Mobile

Chuck says 79 out of our 100 membership have appeared on the certificates which is actually a pretty good turnout considering the usual turn over of new cars etc. Four stations have appeared on all the certificates:

W3DOU	W3DSG
W3WNC	W3VXN

These last four are really fighting to keep their foot in the door. It will be interesting to see who wins out. Some one has to go sooner or later. --- W3SAI brought out several copies of the Tico Times an English speaking news paper in Costa Rica to show us the feature article on Philmont and amateur radio in general. They have been quite impressed by the almost daily contacts of W3VXN and TI2BX. Ted and Virginia are holding down the other end. There is a mother of a Costa Rican Family in one of the local hospitals who is in pretty rough shape. Bill patches in the hospital with TI2BX several times a week. It does ones heart good to sit back and think what a fine job amateur radio is doing for this family. --- It happened on 29493 --- man hurt on trailer on the road --- CQ Philmont CQ P.M. MAYDAY CQ P.M. MAYDAY this is W3OEC/m. W3OEC from W3AJ0 K. I have a man in the car with a broken leg and I am on the way to the hospital. Please call police for escort etc. etc... W3AJ0 de W3OEC/m Roger W3OEC-----W3OEC de W3AJ0 message delivered - W3AJ0 de W3OEC/m escort picked us up we are on the way W3OEC/m clear. Note from erstwhile member - Dear Pixilated One: I have seen the return address rubber stamps for the Blurb and think they are fine business indeed. However, in order to make sure that we have 100% delivery, we should also include the following:

Postmaster: If not delivered in five days, try like the devil on the sixth.

Signed 73 Sir Addlepate, as W3SAI

Report from the Rig Hunt committee

The last hunt was won by W3DFJ - Arch gets 25 points
Second W3VVS - Paul with ricer gets 20 points
also ran W3HYU - Al gets 5 points
W3IRS - Frenchy gets 5 points
W3DOU - Tex gets 5 points
rider W3QGH - Jim gets 5 points
ricer W3OWK - Al gets 5 points for the last hunt

Lyle and Russ hid the rig at the home of W3YFV near Hiway #1 Busleton. The next hunt will be at "NIGHT". It will be during the week on a Wed. - It occurs to ED after hearing all the pros and cons on rig hunts that the small group that always show really enjoy themselves. It seems that quantity of noses is not the measure of fun in this

case. It will be interesting to see if the nite idea works out. Maybe more hunts and shorter ones are better --- will see --- W3VVS is on 40 with a doublet. He is busy fixing up his basement workshop. W3CSS has a leak in his basement- seems his grid lead really did leak and he had to hang his PMRC recvr from the ceiling to keep it dry Every Single Minute. W3HFD, W3CSS both have new Buicks with an octane appitite. W3IOU has a Plymouth station wagon now, when will he get the mobile installed? When sez Paul is PMRC going to sell its yellow trailer? Sez Paul QSL's are up 100% since last writing.

For Sale: One 2 wheeled trailer - yellow with fixins

See W3QQH for details.

We have to get rid of it fellows - let's get a committee going.

Gene Pressler, W3ZXV, of Fairview Village, Penna. has been appointed Emergency Coordinator for Montgomery County, replacing George Hengen, W3CNO. W3CNO will continue as RACES Radio Officer in Montgomery County Civil Defense.

W3ZXV will attend the next Philmont meeting merrily waving those AREC Registration forms the way George used to do.

Gene, W3ZXV
EC for Montgomery Co.

From annonymouse who used two cards side by each in a typer and took special care to send the last half first - ED was going batty for a couple of days but here we are

Worked a guy last week (W6TTG) who claimed to be the original "Two-Top" Gruskin of Duffy's Irish Yankees. Two-Top was baseball's first and, I believe, only two-headed pitcher. He was said to annoy the batters by looking at first base with one head and home plate with the other as he wound up. The referees, who are well known to be surprised at nothing, would usually soothe the, by this time, babbling batter by telling him to go up and talk it over with Two-Top--"After all," they would say, "three heads are better than one."

Two-Top, who left baseball several years ago to announce tennis games for the newsreels, recently disappeared. One report said that he was seen in Hamtramck, Michigan walking down the main street with a book between his heads claiming to be a pair of book ends. Another claims that he was heard working Phil-Mont channels one and two simultaneously. Only a double-headed individual could do this.

Annoynous

W3CNO and W3URU are going on a short vacation (wish they would tell us where) and will be looking for Philmonters on Ch#1 and other bands April 25 to May 15.--- We read in the Scoop more talent exists in PMRC - W3WNC was guest speaker at the March meeting of the West Philly club. Subject; Resonance.--- W3VVS is complaining he lost last rig hunt because he of low pressure in tires. The odometer was off .1 mile per mile - now how about that! --- Daffynition: A portable mobile is a Volkswagen with a handle on top! Also a single man is one who owns an upholstered roller skate sometimes called a Renault Ne's Pas?

SWAP and SHOP

FOR SALE

- 1 - 2 wheel trailer Yellow Formerly Philmont's communications Trailer
see W3QQH
- 1- Leece Newille Generator System 80 AMP. 6 volt complete with alternator, rectifier, regulator Ammeter & installation kit ofr 1949 Chrysler made cars. Excellent condition \$ 50.00 W3QQH
- 1- BC 683 Receiver 27-39 MC. Converted to AM with instruction manual \$ 16.50 W3QQH
- 1- Vibrator power supply 6V.D.C. input 270V 90M.A. Basic Mallory Pack with spare \$ 11.00 W3QQH
- 1- Conalrad Monitor Visual and Audible neat and compact \$16.50 W3WNC
- 1- Gonsent Super 6 converter \$ 30.00 W3QZ0
- 1- VTVM zero center scale precision with probe \$ 40.00 W3FWI Tr7-0003

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